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Sagebrush proposal seeks state control

Legislation recently introduced by Representative Jim Santini (D-Nev.) and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), could give western states more authority over the use of federal lands within their borders, reports CNS.

The bills would set up a mechanism for the transfer to state governments of ownership and control of 460 million acres of federal-owned lands, excluding national parks and forests and wildlife sanctuaries. The federal government now owns about 63% of the land in 17 western states, including more than 147 million acres of grazing land administered by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. About 20% of the cattle that enter U.S. feedlots annually have been grazed on federal rangeland.

The bill generally is supported by the National Cattlemen's Assn., the National Wool Growers Assn. and the Public Lands Council; groups whose members depend on the

availability of grazing on federal ranges. However, the bill is opposed by the environmental community, which fears that state control could lead to unwise management.

Hatch said recently state management of lands now owned by the federal government probably would be less costly and more responsible than federal management. Hatch's bill has about 16 Senate co-sponsors, while its companion bill in the House of Representatives had 30 co-sponsors.

An NCA official told CNS that state ownership of federal lands could allow revenues from the lease of such lands to revert to the states for rangeland improvements rather than to the federal government. He also said state control of these lands would lessen the influence of environmental groups on land use policy because these groups have concentrated their lobbying efforts at the federal level.

Former editor of WLJ gets 'Headliner' award

The Livestock Publication Council's first "Headliner Award" will be presented to Forrest Bassford, Encinitas, Calif., announced Dale F. Rummel, Fort Collins, Colo., former council president and chairman of the committee responsible for setting up the award and

selecting its first recipient. The council is composed of 80 livestock magazines, newspapers, and newsletters in the United States, Canada and Australia.

The Headliner Award recognizes meritorious service to both the livestock (Continued on page 7)

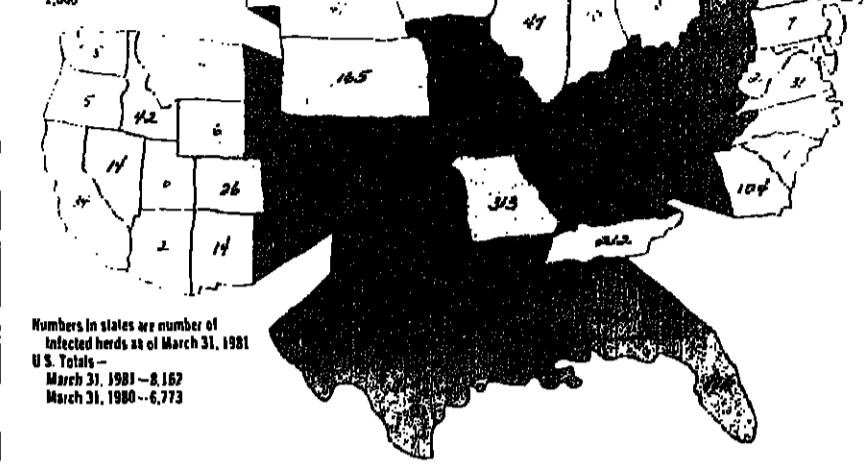
Although the prices of lightweight calves did increase slightly in April and early May before dropping sharply, the Western Livestock Market Information Project notes the magnitude of the April increase was not as great as for fed cattle. However, the premium of calf prices to yearling prices continued to be wide over the past two months.

Upshot: The combination of larger supply and weaker demand may prove to be extremely negative for yearling feeder cattle prices this fall. Backgrounders who are following a summer grazing program on pasture should be cognizant of the potentially disastrous situation which could result. For example, assume a 450 lb. calf was purchased at \$78 earlier this spring. If sold as a 600 lb. yearling this fall, a price of \$68.60 would be needed just to cover the purchase price. Enough to make many stockmen think twice.

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Brucellosis Quarantined Herds/ Infected Rate

(Blank = No Quarantined herds)
White = Fewer than one
quarantined herd per 1,000 Cattle
Herd
Light Gray = More than one, less
than two infected herds per 1,000
Dark Gray = More than 2 infected
herds per 1,000
U.S. Rate - 4.92 infected herds per
1,000



Numbers in states are number of
infected herds as of March 31, 1981
U.S. Total -
March 31, 1981 - 8,162
March 31, 1980 - 6,773

Democratic Committee lists affects of "ill winds" on ag

By PATTI THORN

Reagan budget policies are blowing some unfavorable wind the way of American farmers and ranchers, according to Washington Representative Tom Foley, who spoke at the recent Democratic National Committee's agricultural roundtable in Denver.

Foley, chairman of the agriculture subcommittee on wheat, soybeans, and feedgrains, expressed his deep alarm over the Reagan administration's budget cut plans, 26 to 36% of which are directed at agricultural-related programs, he said.

"The Democrats in Congress are concerned with trying to at least limit the damage, but the budget adopted is so deep in the cuts proposed... we have no recourse but to cut back in literally dozens and dozens of programs, far beyond the safety level."

When the impact of these cuts are felt in rural communities, farmers "may see the worst of both worlds," he warned. The administration's reduction in expenditures and government policing of the private sector will leave farmers at "the mercy of whatever economic winds are blowing," said Foley. "And these are very ill winds indeed."

Foley predicted income drops and more bankruptcies for farmers and ranchers, due to inadequate adjustment of loan rates and target prices, among other policies.

Bobby Smith, former assistant secretary of USDA and also a panelist delegated to discuss "Fair Return on the Farmer Dollar," added his voice to the warning. Smith noted that cutting back of service programs, including Federal

Grain Inspection Service and sewage and water regulations, were among the Reagan proposals he called "frightening."

Other panelists present during the afternoon caucus attended by agriculturalists from across the nation addressed the subject of farm cost control. Speakers reiterated the frustrations farmers and ranchers have come to know under both Republican and Democratic administrations.

"Controlling farm costs is very difficult," said Congressman Glenn English (Okla.). "Most of the time we find that interest rates, the cost of fuel, fertilizer, are beyond the scope of our jurisdiction (in the House)..."

Costs depend on so many variables... "The issue is not as great pertaining to costs as it is to profits. Is the farmer able to make a sufficient living to stay in business?"

English noted that the shrinking number of farms in the U.S. was an alarming trend and that recent farm policy has been inadequate. Although he feels it is fair (Continued on page 7)

S. Dak. Stockgrowers meet in Mitchell

By CAROLYN J. HURST

A discussion on the controversial state owned railroad dominated the opening session of the annual South Dakota Stockgrowers Convention in Mitchell.

South Dakota Governor Bill Janklow said the state has purchased \$25 million worth of track for a rail line which he feels is vital to the future of the state's agriculture industry. "South Dakota cannot survive unless our agriculture industry is viable," the Governor said. Janklow added that the state loses 400 to 500 farms each year and cited poor transportation as a major factor contributing to that loss.

"We have to have at least one east-west line in the state. No one will argue with that. The challenge is how do we do it... I don't tell people the government can make the system work," he said, "but I do tell them that the government has the

responsibility to try." Janklow concluded his comments by telling the stockgrowers that "there is always a way to get something done. 'We're

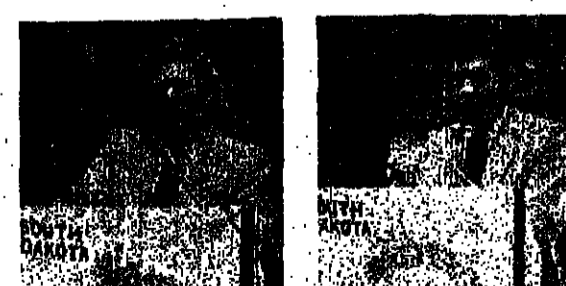
proving that with the railroad, I know you aren't here because you're fat, rich and happy... times are tough! But if you work together to solve your industry's problems, you

know they're going to get better."

National Cattlemen's Assn. President Bill Swan agreed that times are indeed difficult for livestock producers. In a speech at the convention's joint breakfast, Swan said economic conditions for cattlemen are the poorest they have been since the depression days of the '30s. "Right now we're supposed to be in the middle of the golden years. I think we in the cattle industry are wondering what happened!"

"We have to realize that we're in a battle for the protein dollar," said Swan. "The resistance is on price and since we are selling now below our production costs, you can see that our work is cut out for us."

Swan touched on the areas his organization is focusing on including revisions in the current beef grading standards, estab-

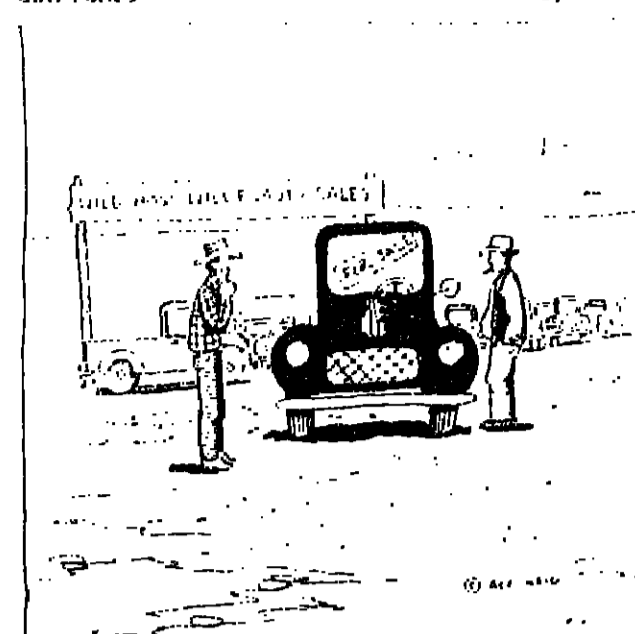


TRANSPORTATION - Citing poor transportation as a major cause for the reduction in the number of South Dakota farms, Governor Bill Janklow told state stockgrowers that a state owned railroad is a key to their survival. (Staff photo by Carolyn J. Hurst)

PRESIDENT - Leo Hamm of Rapid City was selected to serve as president of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Assn. at the organization's annual convention in Mitchell. Ralph Jones of Midland was also re-elected as vice-president. (Staff photo by Carolyn J. Hurst)

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"Wul I've gotta problem, I'll hafta sell my cows to buy the pickup, then I'll sell 'em I won't need a pickup!"

South Dakota Stockgrowers meet in Mitchell

(Continued from page 1)
Mullens said cattlemen have realized the importance of promoting their product and educating consumers. Although last year's attempt to establish a national beef check-off failed, Mullens said 22 of the 29 state Beef Councils have, or are considering, beef check-offs. "By July of '82, we're hoping all states will have at least a 25% check-off with 40% going to the national organization for education, research and promotion."
South Dakota currently contributes 60% of the funds it receives from its check-off program to the Beef Industry Council. Speaking at the business

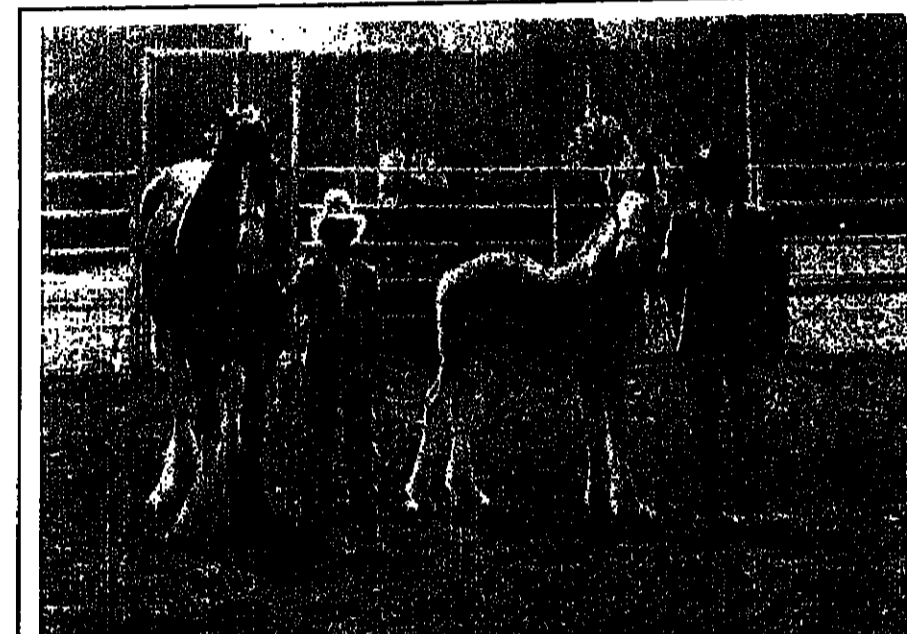
Food Safety has 75th anniversary

This month, USDA is commemorating the 75th anniversary of the "Inspected and Passed" purple inspection stamp that tells consumers the meat they bought has been inspected and passed by USDA.

"Over the years, the USDA inspection mark has given consumers confidence in the meat supply," said Donald Houston, Administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service. "We are proud to commemorate the beginnings of an era in which the United States government joined with industry to provide safe, wholesome and properly labeled meat to poultry."

"The inspection program has made much progress since 1906 and is working to meet the challenges of an increasingly sophisticated industry," Houston said. "We will continue to modernize inspection to maintain the high level of protection consumers have come to expect without hampering industry productivity."

A wise prophet said of the event.



DRAFT DEMO—The booming numbers and interest in draft horses was the focus of the second day session of the California Livestock Symposium in Fresno. A demonstration of five breeds, led by these Clydesdales owned by Frank Lopez of Vista, Calif., highlighted the horse section demonstrations. (Staff photo)

U.S. signs pact for 1982 ag trade

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block and Mexican Commerce Minister Jorge De La Vega have signed an agreement providing for Mexico's purchase of at least 4.57 million tons of U.S. agricultural commodities during calendar year 1982, according to the USDA.

Reports CNS, covered in the 1982 agreement are 2.2 million tons of U.S. sorghum or No. 3 corn, 1.5 million tons of U.S. No. 2 corn (including up to 500,000 tons of white corn), 500,000 tons of wheat, 100,000 tons of soybeans, 100,000 tons of cottonseed, 75,000 tons of non-fat dry milk, 50,000 tons of rice and 45,000 tons of tallow, USDA said.

Block said the new agreement was basically a continuation of commodity supply agreements negotiated between the U.S. and Mexico during 1980-81. The 1980 agreement provided for Mexico's purchase of 6.15 to 8.15 million tons of U.S. grains, oilseeds and vegetable oils. USDA currently estimates that Mexico will import about 10 million tons of U.S. grains and oilseeds during calendar 1981.

When farmers take out CCC loans, county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service may deduct their storage and handling charges and forward these charges directly to warehousemen, Lodwick said. The forwarded storage and handling fees then are deducted from the principal of the loan, thus reducing the farmer's interest costs. In addition, he said, this prepayment provision should allow warehousemen to offer lower storage rates for CCC-placed crops.

Market Roundup:

Sharp pork trading assists cattle prices

WHILE HOG AND PORK movements have drawn the most attention from market watchers during the past two weeks, cattle and beef also moved into the center ring. Cash cattle prices topped the \$70 per cwt. mark in Texas, with the best choice steers bringing \$71 early last week. At those levels, and at slightly lower prices in the corn belt, most cattle feeders are making a modest profit, analysts say.

Increases in carcass cut-out values and dressed beef prices have also given beef boxers and slaughterers slim profit margins. Tuesday, the USDA estimated the gross cutout value for a 600-700 lb. carcass at \$111.53 per cwt., up \$1.58 from Monday and up \$3.29 from a week ago. With 600-700 lb. steer carcasses selling at \$105, the boxer will be in some profit, although not much.

So with sharp pork price movements, and beef prices going higher while becoming stable, retailers will probably become more willing beef buyers, although most are still buying for short term needs because of high interest rates.

OKLAHOMA CITY STEERS MD. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$66-71; 500-600 lb. \$62-60; 600-700 lb. \$61-50-63-50; 700-800 lb. \$60-25-62-50; 800-900 lb. \$60-50-62. Heifers md. frame #1 375-500 lb. \$56-60-50; 500-600 lb. \$54-58. Amarillo steers md. frame #1 300-400 lb. \$71-25-73-50; 400-500 lb. \$60-63-50; 500-600 lb. \$60-63; 700-800 lb. \$60-63; 800-900 lb. \$58-60-75. Heifers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$56-60; 500-600 lb. \$54-50-58-75; 700-800 lb. \$53-75-58. Dodge City steers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$58-71-50; 500-600 lb. \$62-25-64-70; 700-800 lb. \$61-25-64-40; 800-900 lb. \$62-62-40. Heifers md. frame #1 425-460 lb. \$63-66-75; 500-600 lb. \$58-25-59-30; 600-700 lb. \$57-10-59-30; 700-800 lb. \$57-59-60. Montana steers md. frame #1 725 lb. \$62-50. Heifers md. frame #1 500-700 lb. \$58. California steers md. frame #1 400 lb. \$74; 525-550 lb. \$66-68; 675-775 lb. \$61-62-50; 775-875 lb. \$60-61. Heifers md. frame #1 525-550 lb. \$55-58; 650-825 lb. \$54-50-55.

WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO STEERS md. frame #1 280-400 lb. \$80-80; 400-500 lb. \$72-82-50; 500-600 lb. \$71-25-77; 600-700 lb. \$64-50-74-75; 700-800 lb. \$64-25-66-25. Heifers md. frame #1 350-500 lb. \$61-88-25; 500-600 lb. \$60-68; 600-700 lb. \$59-50-63-25; 700-775 lb. \$64-65; 800-850 lb. \$63-64. Arizona slaughter steers mixed good and choice 2-3 975-1050 lb. \$67; good with end choice 2-3 980-1175 lb. \$66-67; mostly good 2-3 975-1200 lb. \$65-68; Holsteins and cornbelts \$63-64. Heifers good with end choice 2-3 925-900 lb. \$63-63-60; mostly good 2-3 900-850 lb. \$62. Colorado slaughter steers choice 2-4 1050-1225 lb. \$66-75-68-50; Holsteins \$62-50-63. Heifers choice 2-4 950-1050 lb. \$65-50-67. Idaho slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1025-1200 lb. \$67-68-50; 1200-1225 lb. \$67; Holsteins choice 2-3 1250-1300 lb. \$65-50; good and choice 2-3 1200-1300 lb. \$56-58.

WESTERN KANSAS SLAUGHTER STEERS choice 2-4 1025-1275 lb. \$68-68-75. Heifers choice 2-4 925-1000 lb. \$65-50-66-50; 850-900 lb. \$64-50-65; choice with end good 900-1075 lb. \$64-66; commercial and choice heiferettes 1225-1150 lb. \$63-64-75. Eastern Nebraska slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-4 1050-1300 lb. \$66-68-50. Heifers good and choice 850-1050 lb. 2-3 \$64-68-50; good and low choice 825-950 lb. 2-3 \$63-75-85. New Mexico slaughter steers mostly choice 2-4 1025-1100 lb. \$67-68; Holsteins \$63-50-65-50. Heifers mostly choice 2-3 900-925 lb. \$65-50-68; mixed good and choice 875-1000 lb. \$64-50-65-50; mostly good 650-750 lb. \$61-50-62. Montana slaughter steers choice 2-3 1175 lb. \$67. Southeast Texas slaughter steers good and choice 2-3 1000-1100 lb. \$68-58-50. Heifers good and choice 2-3 750-850 lb. \$62-63; 900-950 lb. \$63-50-65; 925-700 lb. \$63-64.

TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA SLAUGHTER steers good and mostly choice 2-3 1000-1100 lb. \$68-50-69; mixed good and choice 2-3 950-1150 lb. \$67-68-25; Holsteins \$64-50-66. Heifers choice 2-3 950-975 lb. \$66-25-66-50; good and mostly choice 2-3 875-1000 lb. \$65-50-66; mixed good and choice 2-3 875-1000 lb. \$64-65-50; good and choice 2-4 1075-1200 lb. heiferettes \$60-62. San Angelo slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 975-1050 lb. \$69-71. Heifers mixed good and choice 2-3 750-850 lb. \$62-64; 850-950 lb. \$64-68. San Joaquin, western Nevada slaughter steers choice 2-4 1075-1250 lb. \$66-68; good and choice 2-4 1100-1200 lb. \$65-68; Holsteins \$60-62; good 2-3 950-1050 lb. \$65-67. Nevada choice 2-3 1050-1150 lb. \$66-50-67; good and choice 2-3 1050 lb. \$66. Heifers choice 2-4 950-1050 lb. \$68-58-50; good and choice 2-4 1050-1100 lb. \$62-63; commercial to choice 2-4 1000 lb. heiferettes \$58.

WASHINGTON, OREGON SLAUGHTER steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1050-1150 lb. \$68-50-69; 1150-1250 lb. \$67. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 900-1050 lb. \$66-67. Wyoming, western Nebraska slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1100-1200 lb. \$67-68. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 950-1000 lb. \$65-58. San Angelo slaughter steers choice and prime 85-105 lb. spring \$64-67-75. Ewes good \$17-22-50; cull and utility \$10-17. Sioux Falls feeder pigs US 1-2 20-30 lb. \$28-30; 30-40 lb. \$28-34; 40-50 lb. \$24-50-41-50; 50-60 lb. \$39-46-50; 60-80 lb. \$44-50-50.

CENTRAL AUCTION ROUNDUP

(Reports as quoted by markets)

AMARILLO LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Amarillo, Texas, June 10

11,324 head received: Feeder steers, md. frame 1 300-400 lb. \$57-25-71-25; 400-500 lb. \$71-50-76-25; 500-600 lb. \$63-25-74-35; 600-700 lb. \$63-25-80-25; 700-800 lb. \$61-10-63-25; 800-900 lb. \$61-50-90-10; 900-1000 lb. \$62-25-Feeder heifers, choice 371 lb. \$57-40-50; 400-500 lb. \$56-58-59; 500-600 lb. \$58-61-75; 600-700 lb. \$58-10-60-50; 700-800 lb. \$58-75-60; 800-900 lb. \$59-85 Slaughter cows, ut. and comm. \$41-25-49-50, canner and culler \$38-50-41-75 Slaughter bulls, YG 1349-50-55, YG 2348-52. Replacements, young kids \$500.

LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

Brush, Colo., June 4 & 5

6,333 head received: Feeder

steers, choice 300-400 lb. \$55-57, G50-800 lb. \$50-57; common \$53-55 Slaughter cows, \$53-55, ut. \$42-45; comm. \$33-36, canner and culler \$30-38 Slaughter bulls, UT \$40-51, canner and culler \$43-50. Steers and heifers 750 lb. and heavier \$60-62. Replacements, stock cows \$50-56, pairs \$57-58; stocker bulls 500-700 lb. \$58-61, 700-1000 lb. \$54-56.

TORRINGTON LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO.

Torrington, Wyo., June 5

1,327 head received: Feeder steers, choice 400-500 lb. \$68-74; 500-600 lb. \$67-72; 600-700 lb. \$63-67. Feeder heifers, choice 400-500 lb. \$57-63; 500-600 lb. \$57-60; 600-700 lb. \$57-59. Slaughter cows, ut. and comm. \$42-48. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 \$52-57.

TEXHOMA LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Texhoma, Okla., June 5

3,332 head received: Feeder steers, calves 200-300 lb. \$60-108. Feeder heifers, calves 200-300 lb. \$70-88. Slaughter cows \$35-44. Slaughter bulls, \$48-55.

EMPORIA LIVESTOCK SALES CO., INC.

Emporia, Kan., June 5

1,877 head received: Feeder steers, choice 250-500 lb. \$65-68; good \$63-65; common \$61-64. Good and choice 500-650 lb. \$63-68; common \$59-61; 650-850 lb. \$61-63; common \$56-58; 850-1100 lb. \$60-61; common \$55-58. Feeder heifers, choice 250-400 lb. \$59-60; good \$55-57; common \$53-55. Good and choice 450-650 lb. \$57-59; common

1,086 head received: Feeder steers, md. frame 1 320-400 lb. \$72-78; 400-450 lb. \$70-72; 450-500 lb. \$68-64-50; 500-550 lb. \$68-70-58-40. Md. and lg. frame 1-2 550-650 lb. \$57-59. Feeder heifers, md. frame 1 400-475 lb. \$57-59; 475-500 lb. \$56-50-57-10; 500-550 lb. \$54-25-56-10. Md. frame 1-2 \$33-74-10. \$52-54-50. Slaughter cows, ut. and comm. 2-4 \$40-44-75; culler \$38-50-40-75. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 1020-1810 lb. \$47-50-55-75. Replacements, md. frame 1-2 middleaged \$460-580.

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Sealy, Texas, June 4
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SHEEP CENTENNIAL LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Fort Collins, Colo., June 3

1,247 head received: Sheep, spring lambs 80-100 lb. \$68-69; 100-120 lb. \$65-68-50; 110 lb. old crop \$62-25. Killer ewes and bucks \$14-19. Lambs, 30-50 lb. \$30-44 ea.

HOGS PORT CITY STOCKYARDS

Sealy, Texas, June 4

391 head received: Hogs, barrows and gilts US 1-2 200-250 lb. \$44-40; US 2-3 100-250 lb. \$42-44; US 3-4 200-250 lb. \$38-41. Sows, US 1-3 300-600 lb. \$37-50-40; US 2-3 300-600 lb. \$35-38.

CENTENNIAL LIVESTOCK MARKET

Fort Collins, Colo., June 3

131 head received: Hogs, late barrows and gilts US 1-2 200-250 lb. \$44-40; US 2-3 100-250 lb. \$42-44; US 3-4 200-250 lb. \$38-41. Sows, US 1-3 300-600 lb. \$37-50-40; US 2-3 300-600 lb. \$35-38.

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June 18—Woody Ranch: Cattle Herd Report Disposition, Barnard, Kan.
June 18—Triple O Brangus Ranch Investor Opportunity Sale, Pleasanton, Texas.
June 20—Longhorn Summer Spectacular Breeders Sale, Tyler, Texas.

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By MARTHA WILLIAMS

In case you had any lingering doubts about the seriousness of the animal rights movement, consider the following from a "training, mobilization and planning conference for vegetarian and animal rights action" planned July 2-6 in Allentown, Pa.: "The program is being designed to train and mobilize concerned individuals to promote vegetarian, animal rights and related life-enhancing objectives."

According to the article, "the eight barns (at the farm) will house different animals and show how they can be raised in a humane way, as opposed to certain factory farm techniques. The Massachusetts SPCA hopes that walking a few steps in the hooves of another beast will encourage visitors to seek more information about animals and how they should be treated."

"Intensive workshops led by experienced operatives from the peace, civil rights, feminist and other progressive movements will provide training in assertiveness, presentations, time management, organizing, tactical planning, litigation, coalitions, boycotts, demonstrations, lobbying, media relations and similar proven techniques for social change. Special task forces will be mobilized to carry on

that Americans reap some of the benefit of the nation's superior food production in the form of low prices, English commented that the Soviets, Japanese and others are also receiving these benefits.

"Any American grain sold abroad is subsidized," he said. "... I see no reason why we as a party shouldn't consider the concept of a two-pricing system ... There is no reason not to use funds presently in agriculture to reduce and give bargain

policy. Calling international concerns one of the "hard realities" facing agriculture in the '80s, Smith predicted that Washington will continue to use agriculture as a response to international pressures.

"Agriculture is one of the few industries that has out-produced the rest of our domestic economy and the rest of the world," Smith explained. He noted that only 2.8% of the American population is involved in agriculture, while 11.8% of the Japanese population are agriculturalists. In China, that figure skyrockets to 80%.

Using agriculture in foreign policy has its problems, however, Smith said. "It's tricky to have one-third of your total market subject to political control." And there is danger in manipulating the use of food.

"It is easy to fall to recognize the plight of others and the emotional and political backlash" that could result from toying with the food supply of others.

Bob Kerr, an agribusinessman from Altus, Okla., wrapped up the cost session with an attack on what he called the "cheap food policy in the United States." If farmers had the 8% difference Great Britains pay for their food over Americans, "we wouldn't be in trouble," he said.

Kerr reminded the audience that the U.S. has a surplus of food.

Glenn English (Okla.) basement rates on food to the American consumer," English said. Grain sold abroad, however, should be sold at a fair market price, not less than the cost of production, he added.

Morgan Smith, commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture also discussed the issue of America's foreign food

It's one of those issues that makes you wonder whether to laugh or cry. The best action, however, is to take a lesson from the mobilizers and organize to defend modern livestock practices in measured, rational programs on a broad front.

I'm collecting background for a major investigative effort on this issue. If you want detailed information, including an excellent summary of the situation from Neal Black of Livestock Conservation Institute, write to me in care of WJL or call (collect).

And, be on the lookout for more on this topic ... it's not going to go away.

A recent Chicago Tribune Syndicated story tells of plans for opening of Macomber Farm, a park designed "to help humans become more sensitive to the behavior of animals by understanding how they feel, see, walk and live. Exhibits invite visitors to work like a horse, walk like a cow and look through masks that let the two-legged viewers see how poorly many four-legged creatures see when they look out on the world."

According to the article, "the eight barn